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Dying Ruby Insists He Acted Alone

DALLAS, Dec. 19 (AP)—Jack Ruby appealed to the world today to believe that he and he alone was responsible for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Intimates said Ruby, doomed by incurable cancer, is obsessed with the desire to make it fully and finally clear, before he dies, that the shooting of the man named as President Kennedy's assassin was not the result of a conspiracy.

Said Ruby's brother, Earl, a Detroit businessman:

"Jack has told me a dozen times or more he prays to be sgiven a final lie detector test so people will be convinced that there was no plan on his part, or conspiracy of any kind, to kill Oswald. It is his last wish."

Ruby remained in serious condition today in his room at the Parkland Hospital. His cancer is widespread and inoperable. Doctors have declined to estimate how long he may live.

Elmer Gertz, a Chicago lawyer on the legal teak that won a reversal of Ruby's conviction of the Oswald murder, talked with the 55-year-old former night club operator yesterday.

"Jack reads the newspapers and magazines and watches television and is aware of the controversy about the Warren report and all the books and articles which are constructing incredible stories of a conspiracy in which he is claimed to have had a part," Gertz said.

"He says, 'How can they think I am hiding anything or protecting anyone else? There is nothing to hide; there was no one else."

Gertz said Ruby has insisted over and over again that he had no way of knowing Oswald was being removed from the police and courts building at the time.

Only four minutes before, Ruby had sent a money order from a nearby Western Union office.

Gertz said there was nothing suspicious about the fact that Ruby had a gun when he encountered Oswald and a police escort in the building basement that Sunday morning, Nov. 24, 1963.

"Jack always carried a gun, for he sometimes had large sums of money," said Gertz. "That morning he had $2200 in cash."

Gertz conceded that a further lie detector test of Ruby's story might be scientifically inconclusive. Ruby underwent seven hours of such testing by Warren Commission investigators.

..The assessment of his answers has never been made because results, particularly in a case involving a man of Ruby's emotional and disturbed condition, are not considered reliable," Gertz said.